

St. Joseph's Parish, Northcote

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Weekday Mass Times:

8.45am-9.10am Rosary, followed by
9.15am Mass on Monday—Friday.

Weekend Mass Times:

6.30pm: Saturday—Vigil Mass.
8.45am: Sunday—Italian/English Mass.
10.30am: Sunday—Family Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am & 6.00pm
or feel free to phone Fr Minh.

First Wednesday of the Month:

7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting in
the Parish House. Appointment Required.

Last Friday of the Month:

2.00pm: Seniors' Mass at the Parish Centre.

Catholic Religious Education:

Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes
for State Primary and Secondary School
children in the Parish House.

Recently Deceased: Antonios Azrak and Jaswinder Sharma.

Pray for the Soul of: Evalino Zampieri, Felice Antonio Bonacci and Antonio
& Giovanni Palermo.

Death Anniversaries: Joseph Andrew Hart and David Francis.

Sick: Maree Swan, Albert Najjar, Lorr Najjar, Luisa Castello, Jean Loulou
Taouk and Christine Coombe.

Diary Reminders:

This weekend: Special Collection-Father's Day Appeal.

Tue 4th Sep: 7.30pm—Child Safety Meeting, in the parish house.

Wed 5th Sep: 7.00pm—Baptism Preparation Meeting, in the parish house.

Sun 9th Sep: 10.30am Mass—School Families joining in to celebrate
Father's Day, followed by morning tea.



Thank you to Moses and
Domenic for planting the
trees in the front yard of
the Presbytery and Thank
you to Mrs Tuyet and her
family for supplying the
trees.



ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 8/9: 6.30pm

Commentator: Joan Jordan.
Reader: Layla El-Fahkri.
Communion Minister: TBA.
Musician in charge: TBA.

SUNDAY 9/9: 8.45am

Commentator: Salv Caleo.
Reader: Gina Alessio (I) & Salv Caleo (E).
Communion Minister: Cesarina Zampieri.

SUNDAY 9/9: 10.30am

Commentator: TBA.
Reader: TBA.
Communion Ministers: Iris Avery & Audrey
Van Haltren.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (10th Sep—15th Sep)

Jo Hadjistamatis.

**Thank you for your generous support of our
parish:**

1st Collection: House: \$ 542.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 727.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 1950.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 7960.00

**Thank you for your generous support of the
Vinnies Winter Appeal which raised: \$878.60**

A FAITHFUL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE...

St Joseph's 125 years



On Sunday October 14
Mass will be celebrated at 2pm,
followed by an afternoon tea and a 'Walk through the Past' at the school.

CALLING OUT.... Does anyone have any items that they would like to have
displayed for our 'Walk through the Past' exhibition? If parishioners, parents, past
students and past parishioners are happy to lend these items for about a month,
please contact the Parish House on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and leave their
name and phone number with Caterina.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE....

**WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THE 125 ANNIVERSARY A GREAT OCCASION
SO IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP ADD YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS TO THE LIST AT
THE BACK OF THE CHURCH / IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



**Congratulation on the St Joseph's Primary school children, who received
the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (2nd September 2018)

First reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Second reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Reflection on Gospel

"HOLINESS OF HEART"

Today's Gospel touches on the sensitive issue of Jesus' attitude to the Jewish law. I say sensitive because it is easy for Christians to separate Jesus from his Jewish heritage and portray him as one of us and not one of them.

Jesus was not critical of the Jewish law as such. What he challenged were customs added to the original revelation that could work against its true purpose. The Pharisees promoted such customs to help the Jewish people live their vocation to be the holy people of God (Lev 20:26) in the mixed society of Palestine in Jesus day.

In itself this was a laudable endeavour. But it could degenerate into a focus upon external observances to the neglect of the true inner meaning of the law. In particular, it could suggest that uncleanness was something that came from outside and threatened to defile the basic holiness of God's people.

Jesus clearly had a different view. Holiness is where God is. It comes from being in contact with God—something that begins in the heart. So, he insists, since holiness is primarily a matter of the heart, if you want to know whether a person is holy or not, see what comes out of their heart.

The list of vices towards the end is a kind of check-list. We could probably add to it a few more examples relevant for our time. By the same token, on the positive side, we could think of virtues and patterns of living that demonstrate true holiness of heart.

Brendan Byrne

National Child Protection Week, 2-8 September 2018

This year's theme for Child Protection Week is "Stronger Communities, Safer Children". You can help to make our Parish a safer place for children by getting involved in the community, listening to the needs of children and their parents or carers, treating children and young people with kindness and respect, and speaking up if something seems wrong or you suspect any form of child abuse or neglect. For more information, helpful resources, and details about how you can get involved, visit <https://www.napcan.org.au/national-child-protection-week/>

National Child Protection Week reminds us that protecting children is everyone's business, and we must all play our part in keeping children safe from harm.

Naomi Brammer

2 WEEKS REMAINING TO PLACE YOUR VOTE—Mural for Community Hall: We have sought funding to commission a mural on the exterior wall of the Parish Centre at 133 Westbourne Grove, Northcote. It is the building located at the tennis courts that belongs to St Joseph's. The project idea has been accepted and the application progressed to the voting stage. We need your vote for this project to be selected for the Victorian Government grant. Click on this link to vote : <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/mural-for-community-hall#.W3Vwpr4P4ao.link> To vote you must be 16 years or older and reside in the local community. The more votes the more likely this project will receive funding. **Please collect a flyer with instruction on how to vote, on your way out today.**